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Ms. Jean A. Webb Office of the Secretariat Commodity Futures Trading Commission Three Lafayette Centre 1155 21st Street, NW Washington, DC 20581

RE: Section 5c(c)(1), Part 40.6 – Notification of Intent to Defer European Style Options on Equity Index Futures.

CME Submission 04-101.

Dear Ms. Webb:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commission of is intent to defer listing European Style Options on Equity Index Futures. The Exchange certifies that this action neither violates nor is inconsistent with any provision of the Commodity Exchange Act or of the rules thereunder.

CME intends to stay the effectiveness of the original submission # 04-82 to list European Style Options on Equity Indexes. As such, the rules governing the options on equity index futures prior to the amendment remain in effect. Thus, on October 18, 2004, the following options contract months listed for trading shall remain American Style.

<u>January 2005 and March 2005 Options</u> on E-mini S&P 500, S&P 500/Barra Value, S&P 500/Barra Growth Index Futures

The following American Style options, previously scheduled to be listed for trading on October 18, 2004, shall be listed that day following previously disclosed listing plan:

<u>January 2005 Options</u> on S&P 500, S&P MidCap 400, Russell 2000, NASDAQ-100[®] and Nikkei 225 Index Futures

Further, the Exchange resolves to defer the listing of the following options until further notice:

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 $\underline{\text{September 2005 Options}}$ on S&P 500, S&P MidCap 400, and Russell 2000 Index Futures

If you require any additional information regarding this action, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Richard Co, Director at 312-930-3227 or via e-mail at rec@cme.com. Please reference our CME Submission #04-101 on all future correspondence regarding this notification.

Sincerely,

John W. Labuszewski, Director

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cc: Mr. Thomas M. Leahy and Mr. Steven B. Benton

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